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Hello, everyone. Please accept my apologies for not getting this edition of the Newsletter out earlier. It has been quite a month since we were last together. I am in the process of switching jobs. For the past year, I have been doing some accounting work, on a part-time basis, for a notarial office here in Montreal. I have just wrapped up that project and am beginning a new assignment with a chemical firm next week. I have been putting in some very long hours training my replacement and getting things organized for the new job. As a result, most of my leisure activities have been put on hold for several weeks, including the production of this Newsletter.

This month's edition is somewhat shorter than usual, but still contains a lot of interesting material.

Things should be back to normal next month. Thanks for your patience and understanding. Let's try to get the contribution rate up for the next issue as well. Our Contributors' list was considerably smaller this month.

THE MONTHLY SURVEY

Last month's survey question asked whether or not you use the Internet to listen to radio. Not nearly as big a response as last month on this question. Only 15 people took the time to answer. Here are the results:

11 people indicated that they listen to regular radio stations or on-line stations on the Internet

4 people indicated that they do not use the Internet for radio listening.

Only a few indicated their favourite stations on the Net. News and specialty music programming led the pack in interests.

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY

Let's see if we can get a better turn-out with responses to this month's question. Our question this month is amateur radio related. This subject is one of the most hotly contested issues facing the amateur radio community throughout the world, so let's see what our H.F. Newsletters think. Please, no long, drawn out reasoning behind your choice on this one. I just want a simple "Yes" or "No" answer. This should be fun. Let the sparks fly!

Should Morse code (at any level) be maintained as a requirement to acquire an amateur radio license for the H. F. amateur radio bands?

Results next month.

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

Geoff Geduld, Willowdale, Ontario: Your Newsletter continues to be great! Only complaint is that I don't have enough time to visit all the listed sites.

Gilles Letourneau, St. Michel, Quebec: I love your internet newsletter every month … always looking

forward to receiving it.

THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

T. S. Bauge, Norway
Robert Ellis, Beaconsfield, Quebec
John Grow, Greenfield Park, Quebec
David Guretzki, Montreal, Quebec
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Mika Mäkeläinen, Helsinki, Finland
Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia
Bill Westenhaver, Montreal, Quebec

THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

U.S. MEMORIAL DAY

http://www.usmemorialday.org/

This site was created to help promote the return of the original intent and meaning back to Memorial Day, to be a central point for finding information on the day, and to provide an online community for people to share their feelings, pride, respect and honor for those that gave their all. Memorial Day will be celebrated this year in the U.S. on Monday, May 27.

VICTORIA DAY (CANADA)

http://www.pch.gc.ca/ceremonial-symb/english/day_vic.html

Heritage Canada's web page dedicated to Victoria Day, celebrated this year in Canada on Monday, May 20th.

THE RADIO ZONE

DX'ING.INFO

http://www.dxing.info/

VIA Mika Mäkeläinen, Helsinki, Finland

DXing.info is the new reliable information source for radio hobbyists worldwide. Whether you are looking for the latest news on world radio, audio samples, logs, background articles, DXpedition reports or propagation information, you'll find it all on DXing.info. And should you need something that is not on DXing.info, there are links to guide you further to the best DX resources on the Internet. The content is aimed mainly at DXers interested in mediumwave and shortwave broadcasting stations, but also FM listeners, other radio hobbyists and broadcasting professionals should find useful material. The reference material - such as a glossary of DX terms with hyperlinks - is useful to the beginner and the veteran hobbyist alike.

BORED DJ

http://www.boreddj.com/

VIA Bored DJ-Direct

It's got radio gigs, gossip and games, and it's all free. Come grab free daily showprep like Boreddj's Hollywood Headlines which are updated on a daily basis, exchange show topic ideas, get up-to-the-minute news, play tetris and more. PD's your invited to add a job to our free gig board

RADIO DISMUKE

http://dismuke.org/radio/

VIA Robert Ellis, Beaconsfield, Quebec

Vintage pop and jazz from 1925-1935 from a Mr. Dismuke of Texas. Also available on Live365. Robert says "I must now return to my Internet TUNER to listen to the above on my Internet RADIO. I still cannot find the Internet GAIN control, ANTENNA TUNER, BFO or LSB/USB knobs!!"

KVITSOY, NORWAY ANTENNA FARM

http://home.online.no/~tjabauge/radio/pictures/kvitsoy/

VIA T. S. Bauge, Norway

For many North American medium wave Dxers, the Kvitsoy, Norway medium wave outlet on 1314 kHz. is one of the first trans-Atlantic medium wave stations logged. Mr. Bauge took a trip to this major transmitter site and has set up a great collections of this very impressive installation. Check it out! You wouldn't want to live anywhere near this set-up!

RADIATION

http://alien.mur.at/radiation/index.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Here's an odd one! This is described as "An Installation for Short Wave Radios/Computer/Sound System by Robert Adrian and Norbert Math (Radio Technic: Oliver Huber) for ARS ELECTRONICA FESTIVAL 1998"

THE STORY GUY

http://www.thestoryguy.com/

VIA Robert Ellis, Beaconsfield, Quebec

90 sec. radio pieces carried on many US stations and in mp3 at this site. Often described as where "The Rest of the Story" meets "Ripley's...". Hosted by radio veteran Phillip Dickerson. NOTE: Montreal and New England area listeners can hear these stories on the radio via WVMT-AM 620 in Burlington, Vermont.

NORTHERN VERMONT QRP SOCIETY

http://www.wulfden.org/NVQS/index.shtml

VIA John Grow, Greenfield Park, Quebec

An informal organization of individuals in Northern Vermont who get together for the enjoyment and advancement of amateur radio technical and operating skills through the construction and operation of low powered radio equipment.

NORTH JERSEY DX ASSOCIATION

http://www.njdxa.org/links.html

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, BC

Courtesy of K1DWU, John Woodstock, of Selden, New York, over 4,500 Ham Radio related links in over 60 categories, this is the mother lode of Ham Links. In addition, it's updated weekly.

THE DX LAB

http://www.qsl.net/dxlab/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, BC

"DXLab is a suite of inter-operating applications designed to automate DXing activities. Each application can be independently installed and utilized; when multiple applications are running, they sense each other's presence and inter-operate appropriately. All DXLab applications are free, and contain no advertising; they run on Windows 95, 98, 98SE, NT, 2000, and XP. Commercial use is expressly forbidden. DXView: displays DXCC info and country maps; plots QSOs, spots, beam headings, solar position, and the solar terminator in real time on a world map. Pathfinder: locates QSL information from web-accessible sources. Commander: controls and communicates with Icom, TenTec, Kenwood, and Yaesu radios; displays frequency-dependent settings for amplifiers and tuners. WinWarbler: conducts RTTY QSOs, with dual-channel diversity decode when an external RTTY modem is available."

SURFING THE AETHER-A RADIO HISTORY & TECHNOLOGY TIMELINE

http://www.northwinds.net/bchris/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

These pages chronicle some of the events, inventions, and notable moments that made radio what it is today. With a quick study of this history, you may discover some interesting parallels between radio and the growth of the Internet.

THE RADIO HERITAGE COLLECTION

http://radiodx.com/spdxr/Pacific_Heritage.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Radio Heritage Collection is the realisation of New Zealand DXer David Ricquish's ambition to bring together radio stories in a readily accessible media. Too often these stories are published in a monthly magazine and thereafter rarely see the light of day. David has been joined in this project by Adrian Peterson, Martin Hadlow, Jack Fox, Paul Ormandy and numerous others.

CONNECTED EARTH

http://www.connected-earth.com

VIA William Westenhaver, Montreal, Quebec

A unique collection of two centuries of telecommunications history, ranging from entire telephone exchanges to scraps of Victorian transatlantic cable, is being dispersed through museums around the country, while British Telecom instead maintains a virtual museum on the internet. Connected Earth, the £6m project announced yesterday by BT, includes creating new galleries and displays at museums including the Science Museum and the National Museum of Scotland, but also giving artifacts and funding to some small independent museums.

HELGE FYSKE-LA6NCA RADIO COLLECTION

http://www.laud.no/la6nca/radio/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This Norwegian ham has assembled a very impressive collection of vintage radio equipment, in particular his German World War II radio collection. Browse through the pages and photos of this very unique collection of radios. Much of the text is in Norwegian, but some is also in English.

THE GENERAL ZONE

INTERNET ARCHIVE-WAYBACK MACHINE

http://www.archive.org/index.html

VIA William Westenhaver, Montreal, Quebec

The Internet Archive, working with Alexa Internet, has created the Wayback Machine. The Wayback Machine makes it possible to surf pages stored in the Internet Archive's web archive. The Wayback Machine was unveiled on October 24th at Berkeley's Bancroft Library.

THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

http://www.iwm.org.uk/lambeth/index.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This London, UK based museum is not a museum of the distant past, but about people still alive today, their parents and grandparents. The wars of the twentieth century have affected each and every one of us in some way, and the Museum is here to tell all our stories. We cover all aspects of life in wartime - heroes, villains and the millions who are neither - and all human experience, at home and on the battlefield.
Be sure to check out the Sound Archives in the Collections section of the site. It features some historic wartime radio recordings.

HEAVENS ABOVE

http://www.heavens-above.com/

VIA David Guretzki, Montreal, Quebec

This site lets you enter your city's coordinates (or choose from a database of cities) and gives real-time predictions for when the International Space station, various satellites (including amateur ham satellites) and iridium flares are overhead (including frequencies). Also includes predictions for astronomical phenomena (comets, what stars and planets are going to be visible, etc.).

NETHERLANDS FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH IN ASTRONOMY

http://www.nfra.nl

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Lots of interesting information and data referring to work in astronomy, radio astronomy, the LOFAR (Low Frequency Array), and a lot more.

DAVE COWARD'S ANALOG COMPUTER MUSEUM & HISTORY CENTER

http://dcoward.best.vwh.net/analog/

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

This virtual museum explores the uncommon world of analog computers. One noteworthy device is the Ford Instrument Computer Mark 1. This was a USN shipboard based mechanical analog computer used on aircraft carriers, battleships, cruisers, and destroyers during WWII.

THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

PHIBOT

http://phibot.org

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, BC

Here's a special search engine designed specifically for all you math and science geeks out there. I suppose nerds can look, too - but be forewarned: this is a "No Dweeb" zone. You can look for just about anything you want (related to the appropriate field). The results should be both relevant and up-to-date. But, before those of you who hate math and science tune me out, let it be known that even mortals can find some interesting stuff through phibot. Go on, give it a go.

THE CRYSTAL PEPSI FAN PAGE

http://crystalpepsi.captainmike.org/

VIA Bill Westenhaver, Montreal, Quebec

As Bill points out, this site dedicated to this short-lived soft drink from Pepsi just goes to show you that there's nothing so obscure that somebody won't do a personal fan page about it.

JOEY GREEN'S WACKY USES

http://www.wackyuses.com

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, BC

Discover hundreds of little known uses for well know products and learn the weird histories and bizarre facts behind the products.

INDUSTORIOUS CLOCK

http://yugop.com/ver3/stuff/03/fla.html

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, BC

A very, very unique on-screen clock. Just go to the site. There is no download necessary.

THE PUBLICITY ZONE RADIO H.F.

CANADA'S SPECIALIST IN SHORTWAVE, SCANNING, AMATEUR RADIO, ANTENNAS, ACCESSORIES & PUBLICATIONS, SINCE 1995. PLEASE CHECK OUT THE NEW RADIO H.F. WEBSITE AT:

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AMATEUR RADIO PRODUCTS

Radio H.F. offers base stations, mobile and hand-held amateur radio transceivers by Icom, Kenwood, Yaesu, Alinco, ADI and Ranger.

THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS

ICOM-IC-756 PRO II HF Transceiver $4499
ICOM-IC-756 PRO HF Transceiver $3399
ICOM IC-V8000 75 watt 2-meter mobile $ 399
ICOM IC-V8 New 2 meter portable $ 259
KENWOOD TH-F6A triband portable $ 649
YAESU FT-100D compact mobile $1549
YAESU FT-817 160 meters to 70 cm $1049
YAESU FT-VX7R triband with dual receive $ 599

Other amateur radio accessories are available from Alpha Delta, Ameritron, Arrow Antennas, Astron, Bencher, Butternut, Comet, Cushcraft, Daiwa, Diamond, Heil, Hustler, Hygain, Kantronics, Maha, MFJ, Mirage, Nye Viking, Outbacker, Rig Blaster, Palstar, Unadilla, Valor, Van Gorden, Vibroplex and several other companies.

SHORTWAVE AND SCANNING PRODUCTS

THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS

YUPITERU NEW MVT-3300 handheld scanner $ 349
GRUNDIG Satellite 800 Shortwave Receiver $ 599
YAESU VR-500 wideband receiver $1499
DRAKE R-8B communications receiver $1975

Radio H.F. offers receivers and scanning equipment from Icom, Alinco, Drake, Yaesu, A.O.R., Grundig, Sangean, Sony, Uniden/Bearcat, Yupiteru and Optoelectronics.

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Radio H.F. carries a good selection of these popular two-way radio units available by Audiovox, Cobra, Icom, Kenwood, Maxon, Motorola and Standard.

Feel free to contact Radio H.F., by telephone, fax or e-mail, for pricing and availability on any amateur, shortwave or scanning product. Details and specifications of the equipment and accessories available can be found on the Radio H.F. web site.

FEATURE PRODUCT - MAY 2002
YAESU VX-7R QUAD-BAND PORTABLE

The new VX-7R is a much anticipated, ultra-rugged, quad-band handheld transceiver and the industry's first submersible handheld. It is a true dual receive: VxV, UxU, VxU
Amateur specs: 5 watts output on 6, 2 and 70cm, 300 mw on 222 MHz
Receiver coverage: 500 KHz to 999 MHz (Cell Blocked) with shortwave broadcast, weather and marine band memory banks.
Submersible per JIS-7 specs (1 meter for 30 minutes)
WIRES (Wide coverage Internet Repeater Enhancement system) compatible
Over 900 memories
256 Colour status indicator strobe LED
Rubber case protector
Built-in CTCSS/DCS encoder/decoder
7.4v 1300 mAh lithium ion battery
Magnesium case
Quick draw swivel mount belt clip

This little unit has everything you've been looking for in a compact portable; true state of the art. All this for the special price of $599.

Contact Radio H.F. for complete details on this new entry into the portable HT market.

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THE PUBLICITY ZONE - HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR 2002

NOTE: All times quoted are local.

Sunday, May 26, 2002 - 20th Anniversary Hamfest du Quebec, Tracy, Quebec
Sponsored by the Sorel-Tracy Amateur Radio Club
Location: Aurel Racine Curling Club, Tracy, Quebec
Exit 181, Highway 30
Vendors: 6 AM: General Public: 9 AM
Admission: $5; Tables: $15
Talk-in: 145.370
Information: Denis Chouinard, 450-746-0814
E-mail: ve2cbs@hotmail.com
Web Page: http://www.hamfest.qc.ca

THE PUBLICITY ZONE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962, celebrating our 40th anniversary this year. Our monthly newsletter, Messenger, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby. Our May 2002 edition is now available. Sample copies are available for $2 each, in Canada or the U.S., or $3 overseas. Membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide. Visit the CIDX web site for complete information, as well as special features and web site profiles, or for a membership application.

http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

CIDX also has a Yahoo Group where members and guests can meet, post news items and discuss items on the group board, or in the chat room. To join in, go to the following URL

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cidxclub

THE PUBLICITY ZONE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1430 UTC). Now in our 14th year on the air, I, and co-host Bill Westenhaver, present this weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may also listen to the International Radio Report when you like. Archived editions of the programme have

been posted on the web, thanks to the initiative of Ricky Leong, of Brossard, Quebec. Please check:

http://members.fortunecity.com/crazyaboutradio/

Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@yahoo.com

THE PUBLICITY ZONE - MONTREAL DX LISTENERS NET

Sunday evenings, on the West Island Amateur Radio Club Repeater, 146.910 MHz., following the swap net at 8 PM Eastern, tune in for the Montreal DX Listeners Net, featuring news about all aspects of radio; shortwave, AM/FM, utilities, scanning, amateur radio. Included are listening tips, developments in broadcasting, reception reports, HF and scanner frequency information, special topics, questions and comments. This net is in its 8th year, and has had close to 500 different participants during this period. The net is operated by Sheldon Harvey, VE2SHW. Please feel free to participate. The Swap Net begins at 8 PM, followed by a calendar of events including upcoming hamfests, amateur radio contests and special events amateur stations, plus a list of local events and meetings. The DX Net usually begins around 8:20 to 8:30 PM Eastern, and runs to approximately 10 PM.

THE PUBLICITY ZONE RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

You can hear my bi-weekly "CIDX Report" on Radio Canada International, Canada's international shortwave broadcaster, on the Maple Leaf Mailbag Show with host, Ian Jones. Find the times and frequencies on the Radio Canada International web site. When you travel abroad, take Canada with you, with Radio Canada International on shortwave.

http://www.rcinet.ca

NOTE: Due to a labour dispute at between the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and one of its unions, the programming of Radio Canada International, including the aforementioned Maple Leaf Mailbag, is not currently available.

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http://www.anarc.org/cidx/radiohf/index.html

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